

Barrington iPad Training Group 1: A Summary of Teacher Reflections

How do you plan to use iPads with students?

- Exploration and sharing to get started
- Math fact practice
- Letter writing practice
- Fluency recording
- Problem solving through games
- Research
- Implementing these apps in small groups, perhaps during a guided reading

Ask the students, ***"How can the iPad help me show my best learning and thinking?"*** (quote 1)

"I think I would start by letting my students explore the I pads (as 17 heads are better than one) and Have them share what they found." (quote 2)

"I see the iPad as another teaching tool that would allow all of the children to be involved in the action." (quote 3)

Apps that Barrington teachers are excited to use:

- Little Speller
- Sight Words
- Flash to Pass - Math Facts
- Geography & Maps app
- Google Earth
- Undersea math and FlashTo
- Artik pix - we really need the full app
- How are you feeling?
- abc lite
- iww lite

"I can't wait to have my students get their hands on the iPads." (quote 4)

"Right now I look at the iPads as sketchbooks or practice notebooks where they can experiment and enlarge their thinking and production skills. So my introductory goal with students is to have them work with elements that can be integrated with each other, because the iPad is all about integration and collaboration." (quote 5)

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How will YOU use an iPad?

- Online Professional Development
- Reading books and literature on the iPad
- Recording still pictures of students and student learning
- Filming and documenting student learning
- Use Safari to check email, send email, to conduct searches, check my students' progress on ALEKS, and other daily tasks
- Take notes during various teacher meetings
- Summarize key ideas from parent conferences, parent phone conversations, student conferences and student observations
- Create movies and sideshows with pictures from our field trips
- Use the iPad as a document camera. Students will be able to share their written work, diagrams, data tables, and problem solutions with classmates. The image of their work will be projected onto the Smartboard screen and the Skitch app allows students to mark or draw on their projected work.

Suggestions from Barrington Teachers:

- The Lite version needs to be upgraded so we get the full version of many of these apps. For example, the abc app, which focuses on correct letter formation, only gives students access to 6 letters. We need the full 26 letters to meet the needs of K-2 students. ***“Hopefully we’ll be able to buy the full version of some of these apps so that we can really harness the power of the tool in our classrooms.”*** (quote 6)
- Is there anyway to hide or remove the ads?
- Can we purchase Keynote as part of our tools for production?
- Teachers are interested in an app that will allow iPads to be used as “clickers” or as a formative assessment tool. David Christiansen sent the information below. Could we try the free LITE download to collect student data?
 1. LanSchool LITE monitoring tool at no charge for as long as you like. [LITE Download](#)
 2. Fully-functioning LanSchool 30-day trial on any number of computers. [Trial Download](#)
- Could we provide additional apps that provide other opportunities for musical experiences...drumming/Taiko, Strumming/Autoharp?

Updates:

Everyday Math games are not currently supported on the iPad because the games require Flash.